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### New Exhibition Looks *Beyond the Log Cabin*

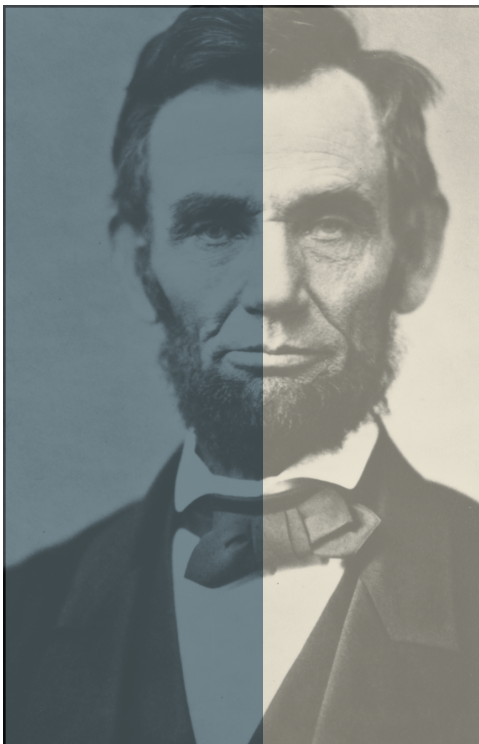
A major exhibition about Abraham Lincoln will open to the public at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History on Tuesday, October 21. *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln* will combine hundreds of primary sources and artifacts with sound and interactive elements to tell the story of Lincoln's lifelong engagement with Kentucky and Kentuckians.

The exhibition begins in Kentucky by contrasting Lincoln's frontier childhood with the urban upbringing of Mary Todd, then moves to Illinois, where the couple married and Lincoln built his political career surrounded and supported by Kentucky colleagues. The center of the show explores Lincoln's—and Kentuckians'—evolving views about slavery. The Civil War policies that drove a wedge between President Lincoln and a state already divided by the conflict occupy the next exhibition area. The show ends with a look at the ways Kentuckians have remembered—and ignored—Lincoln, from the assassination in 1865 to the bicentennial celebration.

The exhibition includes numerous components to engage student groups. Hands-on exhibit elements will

encourage young visitors to sharpen their observation and thinking skills as they identify visual details that shed light on frontier regions or speculate how Lincoln responded to multiple perspectives on slavery. Audio elements, from military music to spoken excerpts from diaries and newspapers, will evoke Lincoln's times. Touch-screen computers will allow students to delve into Lincoln's personal life and reason about how Kentuckians responded to the Emancipation Proclamation and military government.

Student groups will have the option to see the exhibition on their own or participate in a guided tour program. A 15-minute museum theatre play about Kentucky in the Civil War premiering in April 2009 can be scheduled as part of a school visit. Tour and theatre programs are included in the \$2 student admission fee. Fees are waived for members of the Kentucky Junior Historical Society and scholarships are available for groups from schools where 50 percent or more of the students are in federal meal-assistance programs. To schedule a group visit to the exhibition, contact [KHSTours@ky.gov](mailto:KHSTours@ky.gov). To learn more about school components of the exhibition, contact [vicky.middleswarth@ky.gov](mailto:vicky.middleswarth@ky.gov). ☞







## KJHS Gearing Up for New Year

Calling all Kentucky history lovers! The time is now to renew your KJHS club membership or to start up a new chapter! Since 1961, KJHS has provided opportunities for students in grades 4-12 to explore state and local history as well as Kentucky's rich heritage through area chapter meetings, project competition, and statewide events sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society. During our Regional Rallies this fall, students can celebrate the history

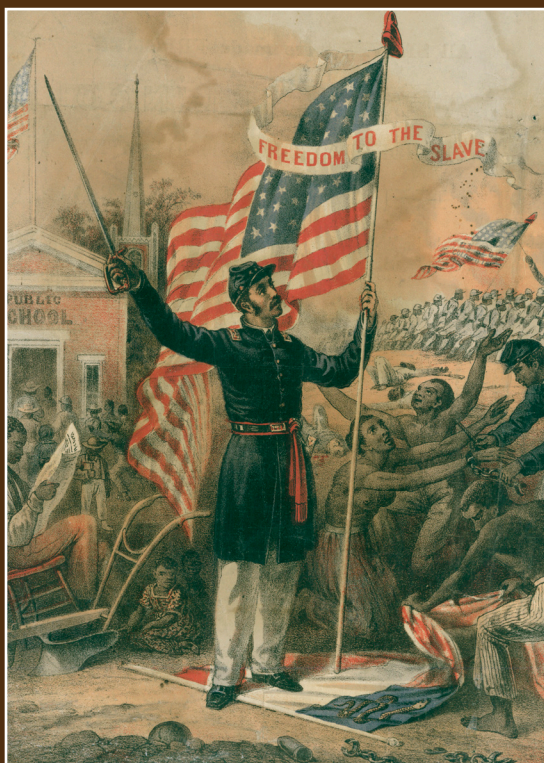
and culture of Paducah or Ashland or learn more about Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln at his birthplace in Hodgenville. Come have fun with history! **Click here to check out the Rally schedule and other helpful KJHS information** or contact Laura Hiniker at 502-564-1792 ext. 4402 or [laura.hiniker@ky.gov](mailto:laura.hiniker@ky.gov). ☞

## Kentucky's National History Day Explores the Individual in History

Like a science fair for history, Kentucky's National History Day program allows students in grades 6-12 to pick a topic, do research, and create projects. Working in groups or individually, students express what they have learned through performances, documentaries, papers, three-dimensional exhibits, or Web sites. Although projects must relate to the annual theme, students can choose local, state, U.S., or world history topics. The 2008-2009 theme is "The Individual in History." Students compete at district, state, and national contests. **To learn more about the National History Day program and how it works in Kentucky, click here.** ☞



## PRIMARY SOURCE SPOTLIGHT



Handbill for recruiting African American troops, ca. 1863

*Courtesy of the Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University*


Also available at [www.gilderlehrman.org](http://www.gilderlehrman.org)

This recruitment poster depicts the benefits to come ("Freedom to the Slave," educational opportunities) that convinced enslaved African Americans to support enlistment and caused white Americans to oppose it. Northern and Southern whites argued that former slaves were not fit to fight, but black troops proved them wrong. Many of those who enlisted were sent to Camp Nelson, the third largest recruiting and training facility for African American soldiers in the country, located on the Kentucky River in Jessamine County. Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park now operates as a county-owned heritage site and is part of the Lincoln Heritage Trail [www.kylincoln.org/trail.htm](http://www.kylincoln.org/trail.htm). Teachers may apply for a Lincoln Heritage Education grant to visit Camp Nelson or any of the other thirteen sites on the trail. More information and deadlines for Lincoln Heritage Education grants are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. ☞

## Green to Vie for Preserve America History Teacher of the Year




Keely Green, an eighth-grade American history teacher at North Oldham Middle School in Goshen,

is the state finalist this year for the Preserve America History Teacher of the Year contest, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. KHS coordinates the state-level contest. **Click here to learn more about the Teacher of the Year program.** 

## Hagerty is KHS 2008-09 Teacher Research Fellow



The Teacher Research Fellowship recipient this year is Stephanie Hagerty of Conner High School in Hebron (Boone County). She

will be researching Abraham Lincoln and slavery and producing high school level lessons on those topics based on primary sources found in Special Collections at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. **Click here to learn more about the fellowship program.** 

## Do You Need Field Trip Money? Apply for a Grant by September 30!

Grants are available for field trips and projects in the classroom for K-12 public or private schools!

### Heritage Education Grant

Heritage Education minigrants support field trips (up to \$250) to local history sites and project grants (up to \$500) support history-related projects in the classroom.

### Deadlines

September 30, 2008 (minigrants; project grants)

December 31, 2008 (minigrants only)

March 31, 2009 (minigrants; project grants)

June 30, 2009 (minigrants only)

### Lincoln Heritage Education Grants

(maximum \$350 for field trips and \$500 for project grants) are offered in cooperation with the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to support field trips to any of the commission's designated Lincoln sites and for Lincoln-related projects in the classroom.

### Deadlines

September 30, 2008 (minigrants; project grants)

December 31, 2008 (minigrants only)

March 31, 2009 (minigrants; project grants)

No match is required for either grant program. To download a copy of grant guidelines and applications, visit [www.history.ky.gov](http://www.history.ky.gov) or contact [khsschools@ky.gov](mailto:khsschools@ky.gov).

### FREE TEACHER PASS COUPON

Visit the Kentucky Historical Society's museums before you bring your students. Present this coupon at the visitor's desk at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort.  
**Good for one adult admission.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Outreach education staff can deliver one- to three-hour professional-development sessions on such topics as "How to Use Primary Sources" and "How to Find and Use Local History Resources" at your school for a fee of \$100. Contact [KHSSchools@ky.gov](mailto:KHSSchools@ky.gov) to find out more.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to consider implementing National History Day activities or a Kentucky Junior Historical Society chapter for the 2008-09 school year. Outreach staff is available to consult with you. Contact [KHSSchools@ky.gov](mailto:KHSSchools@ky.gov) to find out more.

KHS has a full-color, 14-page school programs catalog. To request one, contact [KHSSchools@ky.gov](mailto:KHSSchools@ky.gov).

If you'd like more information about educator resources or bringing your students to the Kentucky Historical Society, contact:

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